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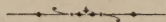
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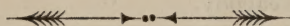
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1882.

Treasurer's Report.



The treasurer charges the town of New London for the year 1881, as follows :

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1881. Paid—

Feb.	25	Auditors' bill,	\$2 00
Mch.	1	Austin Morgan, sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
	7	Express on town reports,	40
	8	Henry W. Putney, asylum,	25 00
	12	Printing town reports,	15 00
June	4	J. P. Elkins, births and deaths,	5 00
July	9	Ransom Sargent, watering tub,	3 00
July	19	Geo. P. Quackenbos, injury on highway.	1200 00
Aug.	27	A. H. Whipple, on school-house District 3,	35 00
Nov.	12	Insurance bill on do.,	25 00
Dec.	19	Baxter Gay, watering tub,	3 00

1882.

Feb.	2	F. O. Dow, digging graves,	45 50
	4	J. B. Sanborn, check lists,	1 25
	16	Error, non-resident taxes 1880,	30 95
	25	Chas. S. Whitney, bounties on hawks.	1 20
	28	Treasurer, stationery and stamps,	1 20

\$1396 50

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1881.			
Mch.	1	Austin Morgan, breaking roads,	\$1 50
July	30	A. J. Kidder, bridge plank,	12 70
Aug.	30	Walter E. Pingree, labor and plank,	4 00
Oct.	11	B. W. Stanley, building road,	20 00
	25	F. W. Knowlton, breaking roads,	26 09
	26	Edwin A. Jones, " "	28 82
Nov.	16	Augustus Preston, " "	16 86
	29	John W. Morse, " "	62 09
Dec.	7	Leonard P. Gould, " "	24 69
	16	Michael Davis, " "	35 46
	16	Geo. L. Peabody, " "	41 11
	22	George M. Knight, " "	15 60
	22	Joseph Russell, bridge stringers,	7 50
	24	John K. Law, breaking roads,	59 69
	25	Chas. C. Pingree, " "	15 00
	26	E. S. Putney, " "	28 86
1882.			
Jan.	3	H. B. Williams, " "	21 00
Feb.	6	N. C. Todd, " "	23 46
	20	A. C. Burpee, " "	27 17
	20	A. C. Burpee, cutting drifts,	23 14
	21	John W. Messer, labor and plank,	2 50
	22	L. McCutchins, paid for repairing roads,	22 50
	23	A. J. Kidder, breaking roads,	42 00
	23	Beldin Morgan, " "	17 25
	25	Moses Haskins, " "	6 76
			\$585 75

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Paid—			
Nathaniel Knowlton,	District No. 1,		\$92 44
John W. Messer,	" 2,		118 12
Amos H. Whipple,	" 3,		270 91
Frank Todd,	" 4,		154 50
Benj. G. Everett,	" 5,		157 56
Baxter Gay,	" 6,		88 59
Hiram Sargent,	" 7,		82 96
			\$965 08

MINISTERIAL MONEY.

Paid—

N. T. Greenwood, Baptist society,	\$42 65
C. S. Whitney, Seytheville “	17 30
J. W. Taylor, Otterville “	9 45
N. C. Knowlton, Liberal “	10 00
	\$79 40

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid—

State tax,	\$996 00
County tax,	1120 50
	\$2116 50

PAUPER BILLS.

Paid—

E. S. Putney, boarding Sherman Dodge,	\$10 00
M. A. Sleeper, boarding Carlos Messer,	7 46
George Woodward, goods for B. Saunders,	69 53
C. A. Everett, goods for Ring,	34 15
L. McCutchins, journey to Concord,	4 09
F. O. Dow, coffin for S. Dodge,	8 00
	\$133 14

ABATEMENTS.

Paid—

Hiram Gay, overtaxed,	\$7 85
Joseph Trussell, overtaxed,	9 45
Gage Woodward, “	3 00
Stephen Messer, “	4 25
William A. Messer, “	1 07
James M. Pike, error,	4 25
Harry Hibbard, missing,	1 85
Frank Pendegrast, not taxable,	1 20
Burt Smith, poll tax, 1880,	1 13
Alfred Sargent, poll tax, 1880,	1 13
Frank Crockett, poll tax, 1881,	1 07
Frank Carbout, “ “	1 07
S. M. Parker, “ “	1 07

L. B. Parker, poll tax, 1881,	\$1 07
Charles Knight, " "	1 07
Thomas Rider, " "	1 07
Alfred Sargent, " "	1 07
John E. Raines, " "	1 07
Burt Smith, " "	1 07
Kirk Smith, " "	1 07
S. T. Witherell, " "	1 07
	\$47 04

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid—	
Luther McCutchins, selectman,	\$55 00
Charles S. Whitney, "	22 00
Joseph H. Messer, "	23 50
George Woodward, town clerk,	10 00
Job C. Cross, collector, 1880,	41 00
Daniel E. Colby, treasurer,	20 00
Daniel E. Colby, supervisor,	3 00
Anthony C. Burpee, "	1 00
Joseph M. Clough, "	1 00
	\$176 50

TOWN DEBTS.

Paid—	
George W. Herrick, note and interest,	\$829 60
Luther McCutchins " "	414 80
Coupons, interest,	153 00
	\$1397 40

SUMMARY.

Paid—	
Miscellaneous bills,	\$1396 50
Roads and bridges,	585 75
School money,	965 08
Ministerial fund,	79 40
State and county taxes,	2116 50
Pauper bills,	133 14
Abatements,	47 04

Town officers,	176 50	
Town debts,	1397 40	
Cash in hands of treasurer,	299 94	
		\$7197 25

Received—

Cash in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1881,	\$639 12	
H. R. Gates, collector on bonds, 1881,	\$4217 76	
Abatements on do.,	24 39	4242 15
Job C. Cross, collector on bond, 1880,	307 52	
Abatements on do.,	2 26	309 78
George W. Herrick, borrowed,	800 00	
Luther McCutchins, do.,	400 00	1200 00
Savings Bank tax,	525 79	
Railroad tax,	47 79	
Literary fund,	62 35	635 93
Rent of John French place,	40 00	
County pauper bill,	129 14	
Lorenzo Worthen, tax of 1880,	1 13	
		\$7197 25

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Outstanding bonds,	\$3500 00	
Ministerial fund,	1323 33	\$4823 33

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$299 94	
Due on collectors' bond, 1881,	265 88	
James Morgan's note and interest,	312 89	
John French's note and interest,	588 09	1466 80
Indebtedness, March 1, 1882,		\$3356 53

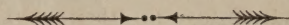
Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL E. COLBY, Treasurer.

I certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

N. T. GREENWOOD, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE Superintending School Committee.



Amount of money raised by taxation for support of schools,	\$871' 50
Amount of literary fund,	70 00
Total amount appropriated for schools,	\$941 50

Again the year has rolled round, and in accordance with law and usage I present a brief statement of the condition and progress of our schools. And entering upon this duty, where so many criticisms will arise, I venture to advance the opinion that the great object of a Superintending Committee is entirely lost sight of by many, teachers as well as parents. The chief aim of a committee should be to assist and advise the teachers in their duties, not as a matter of course to always agree with them, but to advance the usefulness of our schools. It may seem to some our main object is to please (by report) the teacher and a special few in the neighborhood, extolling all the virtues of the teacher and concealing all inferior qualities. It would be extremely pleasant to report all good, but our services would be of little value should we omit to criticise.

It is my opinion that the citizens of New London feel a deep interest in the welfare of our common schools, but there are various opinions in relation to what is the right method of conducting them. No two teachers ever entered the school-room with the same disposition and method of teaching. None of them are capable of meeting the approval of all the people, therefore complete satisfaction in all respects is not expected. While there is much in our schools for commendation there is also need of improvement in some particulars. Some of the most essential branches for a business education are too much neglected and made a secondary affair—reading, spelling and penmanship. I venture to say that many of our best scholars cannot write one page and spell correctly very common words necessary to be written. What is a better accomplishment than to be a fine reader? And where shall our scholars acquire this attainment of mind, but at the common schools? My advice to the committee is to select live teachers with independence, and full of love for their work—teachers who work not for pay alone, but for the love of it—not those who keep school because they can find nothing else to do—teachers who have some talent to commence with, some power of imparting instruction, some ingenuity in planning work and busying their pupils, and last, teachers who have independence enough to do their whole duty without fear of censure or incurring the displeasure of committee, parents or scholars. Such teachers should be sustained by all who are in favor of a common school education.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Money, \$92.44. Nathaniel Knowlton, Prudential Committee.

The fall term of eight weeks was taught by Willie M. Knowlton, a thorough scholar, and clear in his explanations. The few scholars that attended this school were well disposed, and with diligent study, under the direction of this able teacher, it was a profitable school. Whole number of scholars, 10; average, 6.

The winter term of twelve weeks was again taught by Anthony C. Jewett with as good success as the winter preceeding. The examination proved that good progress had been made in the several branches taught, and the aim of this teacher was to be thorough in his work ; but if there had been more promptness and spirit manifested in the recitals the school would have made a better appearance. Number of scholars, 11 ; average, 7.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Money, \$118.12. John Messer, Prudential Committee.

The summer term of seven weeks was taught by Miss Mattie Pillsbury, an accomplished teacher, and adapted to her occupation. Not being notified at the close I visited her school but once, and from appearance it was in a prosperous condition, and from what I may judge, it was a success. Whole number of pupils, 13 ; average, 12.

Miss Laura Parker, a highly-educated young lady and with considerable experience, kept seven weeks of fall term and ten in the winter. The scholars in this school are quite advanced, studying many of the higher branches, and under the instruction of this teacher made decisive progress. The order, so desirable in our common schools, was a little deficient. Fall, whole number of scholars, 18. Winter, 22 ; average 16 and 20.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Money, \$271.91. Amos Whipple, Prudential Committee.

George B. Balch, teacher. 6,8 weeks of summer term. I believe Mr. Balch has many of the elements of a good teacher. He is true and faithful, and means to conduct his school for the best. There was good progress made in some of the branches taught, but for want of good wholesome order in the school it was a great disadvantage to teacher, scholars and all concerned. Whole Number of pupils, 28 ; average, 24.

The fall term of nine weeks and winter term of twelve were taught by Miss Cora Dennett, a lady of education, possessing many of the qualities necessarily belonging to a great teacher. She was too lenient and afraid of disaffecting her scholars, and yielded to their disorderly wants, which should have been decidedly restricted.

The winter term commenced with thirty-five pupils, but nearly two-thirds dropped off before its close. The remainder at the examination showed there had been a thorough drill in the amount gone over. This school requires, especially in winter, a stalwart man of dignity and understanding, that all the scholars may know their proper place and what they are in school for.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Money, \$154.50. Frank W. Ladd, Prudential Committee.

The summer term of eight weeks and fall term of seven weeks were taught by Miss Katie Fowler, whom I judge worked faithfully, and believe improvement was made in all the branches taught. Each time I visited this school the scholars appeared studious and orderly, and to all appearance good discipline seemed to prevail. The whole number of pupils, 24; average, 19.

The winter term of ten weeks was under the instruction of Mr. C. H. Little. This teacher won the respect and confidence of his pupils. His method of instruction was very commendable, especially the reading exercises, which are made subordinate by too many of our best teachers. Some of the younger members of this school did admirably. An unusual number of parents and citizens were present during the examination, which speaks well for the interest they had in the school. Whole number of pupils, 25; average, 23.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Money, \$137.56. B. J. Everett, Prudential Committee.

Miss Mattie J. Bickford, teacher, during the summer term of ten weeks and fall of 6,5. I visited the summer term

twice and found this teacher as successful as in the year preceding. She succeeded in breaking up that uneasiness which was so prevalent in this school, and from the appearance of the school at the close of the term a thorough work had been done. The fall term the teacher was obliged to abandon the school before its close on account of ill health; consequently there was no public examination. Whole number of pupils, 35; average, 27.

At the commencement of the winter term of seven weeks, under the supervision of Mr. S. M. Abbott, it appeared as though some of the scholars were inclined to get back into their disquiet habits; but from the commendable manner and systematical training of this efficient teacher (although many of the younger members have dropped off) the examination showed a good degree of progress had been attained in most of the branches. Whole number of scholars, 33; average, 26.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Money, \$88.59. Baxter Gay, Prudential Committee.

Miss Anna M. Littlefield, teacher, 7,8 weeks. Some little disaffection caused a portion of the scholars to be withdrawn, so the school at its close appeared not so favorably, full numbers always being indispensable to a good display. The few remaining at the examination showed that the improvement made in most respects was satisfactory. Whole number of pupils, 11; average, 9.

Fall term taught by Miss Ella M. Emerson. Order and stillness were marked features of this term. Order being the characteristic quality of this teacher, she endeavored to inculcate habits of quietness, for which she should be heartily commended. Some of the parents were present at the examination, which gave general satisfaction to all. Whole number of scholars, 12; average, 8.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Money, \$82.96. Hiram Sargent, Prudential Committee.

The summer term of eight weeks and winter term of 8,8 were both taught by Miss Amelia A. Stevens. This school contains

some very excellent scholars, whose examination was creditable to themselves and teacher. Harmony prevailed between teacher and scholars. The lessons generally were good. One class in Book-keeping deserves special mention for the accuracy and neatness in which they kept their accounts. Also the many pieces recited were fine selections, thoroughly committed and well delivered. A goodly number of parents and others were present at the last examination, and I judge were well satisfied with the success of this worthy teacher. Whole number of scholars, 17; average, 16.2.

Respectfully submitted by

N. C. LADD, Superintending School Committee.

March 2nd, 1882.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of all pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy for one term :

Alberta M. Knowlton,	Alice Messer,	Lizzie N. Todd,
Fred W. Knowlton,	Charlie G. Adams,	Abbie J. Robie,
Mary E. Knowlton,	Lucy A. Morgan,	Una R. Rowell,
Lottie M. Manahan,	Mary L. Stanley,	Eva L. Carter,
Leonard B. Carter,	Emma J. Stanley,	Addie E. Jewett,
Margaret M. Carter,	Frank G. Gould,	Mabel H. Gould,
Gertrude E. Messer,	Walter H. Morgan,	Elmer A. Gould,
Willie E. Johnson,	Lucy N. Shepard,	Ralph Davis,
Mary E. Shepard,	Winnie E. Annis,	Clinton Parker,
Hubert McFarland,	George G. Morgan,	Florence R. Gay,
Albert H. Daggett,	Edgar F. Sargent,	Clara B. Messer,
Fred O. Prescott,	Myrtie R. Messer,	Chas. R. Hayes,
Lora E. Folsom,	Mabel H. Peaslee,	Fred B. Gay,
Elwyn M. Pingree,	Delia Mae Gay,	Flossie Sargent,
Everts W. Messer,	Albert M. Meserve,	Jos. E. Putney,
Herman S. Adams,	Archie M. Hayes,	Ben. F. Sargent,
Jennie A. Smyth,	Elmer E. Adams.	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	When taught.	Names of Teachers.	Wages per month.	No. of visits by Superin'ding Com.	No. studying Arithmetic.	No. studying Grammar.	No. studying Geography.	No. studying Algebra.	No. studying History.	No. studying Bookkeeping.
1	Fall. Winter.	Willie Knowlton..... Anthony Jewett.....	\$20 00 24 00	2 2	9 10	4 8	3 1	6 6		
2	Summer. Fall. Winter.	Mattie Pillsbury..... Laura Parker..... Laura Parker.....	16 00 14 00 23 50	1 2 1	12 17 20	10 13 14	8 15 17	4 5 5		
3	Summer. Fall. Winter.	George Balch..... Cora Dennett..... Cora Dennett.....	18 00 32 00 36 00	2 2 3	22 28 33	12 19 19	16 16 14	1 1 1	2 6 6	
4	Summer. Fall. Winter.	Katie Fowler..... Katie Fowler..... C. H. Little.....	18 00 16 00 30 00	2 1 2	15 18 23	4 6 13	9 8 7	1 5 5	1 3 2	2
5	Summer. Fall. Winter.	Mattie Rickford..... Mattie Rickford..... S. M. Abbott.....	26 00 26 00 35 00	2 2 2	20 22 22	7 5 12	4 4 5	3 3 3		
6	Summer. Fall.	Anna Littlefeld..... Ella Emerson.....	17 00 19 00	2 2	6 4	4 4	4 4	1 1		
7	Summer. Winter.	Amelia Stevens..... Amelia Stevens.....	14 00 25 00	2 2	7 *	2 *	7 *	1 *	1 *	

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